

**WASHINGTON COUNTY COMMISSION
MEETING MINUTES
OCTOBER 21, 2014**

The Regular Meeting of the Board of the Washington County Commission was called to order by Chairman James J. Eardley at 4:00 p.m. on October 21, 2014, in the Commission Chambers, Washington County Administration Building, St. George, Utah. Those in attendance were Chairman James J. Eardley, Commissioner Alan Gardner, Commissioner Victor Iverson, County Administrator Dean Cox, Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke, and Deputy County Clerk Cheyenne Bentley.

Commissioner Iverson led the Pledge of Allegiance.

AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA:

The Consent Agenda is a means of expediting routine matters which come before the Commission for approval. The Consent Portion of the agenda is approved by one (1) non-debatable motion. If any Commissioner wishes to remove an item from the Consent Portion of the agenda, then that item becomes the first order of business on the Regular Agenda.

- Consideration of Auditor-Approved Claims for Payment for October 8, 2014, through October 21, 2014
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Real Property (Attached)
- Consideration of Administrative Adjustments: Personal Property (Attached)
- Consideration of Closure of the Board of Equalization (BOE) for the 2014 year
- Consideration of the Appointment of Tom Durrant to the Multi-County Appraisal Trust (MCAT) Board
- Consideration of Appointment of Ronald Whitehead as Washington County Representative to the Virgin River Resource Management and Recovery Program Local Coordinating Committee

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Approve the Consent Agenda with the Exception of Item (d), Consideration of Closure of The Board of Equalization For 2014, Which Shall Be Considered on the Regular Agenda. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner and Iverson voting aye.

REGULAR AGENDA ITEMS FOR CONSIDERATION:

**CONSIDERATION OF CLOSURE OF THE BOARD OF EQUALIZATION (BOE)
FOR THE YEAR 2014**

Washington County Assessor Arthur L. Partridge requested the adoption of the October 7, 2014, Board of Equalization Minutes, and to close the Board of Equalization for the year 2014.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt the October 7, 2014 Minutes and Close the Board of Equalization for the 2014 Year. Motion Seconded by Commissioner Victor Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner and Iverson voting aye.

EMERGENCY SERVICES REPORT: DARRELL CASHIN

Search and Rescue (SAR) Liaison, Deputy Darrell Cashin, reported on the Search and Rescue activities that have taken place since August of this year.

On August 7, 2014 an eight (8) year old child was tubing on the Virgin River and was separated from his party. He was found approximately half a mile down the river where he exited on his own, but wasn't sure where to go. SAR picked him up and reunited him with his family.

On August 14, 2014, a sixty-three (63) year old female was hiking on the Red Mountain Trail near Dammeron Valley. After hiking all day, she became lost and ended up in Hell's Hole near the West end. Two SAR members were dropped off near her last known GPS coordinates and were able to locate her. This expedition took thirty-two (32) man hours to complete.

On October 3, 2014, a lost hiker was found in the West Desert. A thirty-nine (39) year old male and his dog were "Walking Across America." He called in and reported that he was out of food and water. SAR was able to locate him quickly and get him and his dog to safety within twelve (12) hours.

On October 12, 2014, deputies were dispatched to Red Cliffs on reports of missing hikers as well as suspicious activities. Parts of Red Cliffs are currently closed but a group of young hikers entered anyway. Half the group was separated and became lost in the dark. SAR was able to locate the missing group in approximately 10 minutes. A few of the

hikers were issued citations for trespassing. Twelve (12) man hours were used to locate the group.

On October 13, 2014, a medical assist was requested by Zion National Park to locate five missing hikers that were lost on the West Trail. SAR located the hikers in an MIA area and released them into the care of Zion's on site EMTs.

A medical assist was requested near Toquerville Falls last week. A woman reportedly had a seizure on the way to Toquerville Falls. CPR was in progress when deputies arrived on scene. The deputies were able to save her life with an Automated External Defibrillator. Life Flight was dispatched and transported the woman to Dixie Regional Hospital where she currently remains in ICU and is expected to make a full recovery.

Deputy Cashin stated that The State Wide Search and Rescue Training was held at Sand Hollow Reservoir for two days. Multiple trainings were held for ground GPS, diving, medical and helicopter operations. There were twenty-four (24) different agencies and approximately 160 people per day from across the state that participated in the event. He reported that 316 man hours were donated from SAR to prepare for the training exercises.

Deputy Cashin reported that a total of (460) SAR hours have been donated since the beginning of August, 2014.

PURCHASE REQUEST(S): TREVOR COOMBS

Attorney's Office (\$13,553.12)

Regional Park..... (\$57,684.00)

Washington County Internal Auditor Trevor Coombs sought approval for the purchase of 14 new computers for the Attorney's Office. He also stated that the Regional Park has the funding in their budget and would like to add 22 stalls for the race horse barns to meet the demand.

All purchases are budgeted, bonded, or paid for through grant funds.

**MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Approve the Purchase Requests.
Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous
vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner and Iverson voting aye.**

**CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1849, A RESOLUTION
APPROVING THE EXECUTION OF A QUIT-CLAIM DEED TO
TOQUERVILLE CITY REGARDING PREVIOUSLY UNCLAIMED PROPERTY**

Deputy County Attorney Eric Clarke explained that this is a legal formality regarding Toquerville City's recently acquired unused land parcel. Toquerville City is now attempting to quiet title to an adjacent parcel of property with no record owner that provides access to the previously transferred property.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Iverson to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1849, A Resolution Approving the Execution of a Quit- Claim Deed To Toquerville City Regarding Previously Unclaimed Property. Motion seconded by Commissioner Gardner and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner and Iverson voting aye.

CONSIDERATION OF RESOLUTION NO. R-2014-1850, A RESOLUTION TO ADOPT AND APPROVE THE WASHINGTON COUNTY-NRCS JUNIPER WAY 2012 EWP AGREEMENT TO RELIEVE HAZARDS AND DAMAGES CREATED BY THE FLOOD IN WASHINGTON COUNTY, UTAH.

Commissioner Eardley clarified that this is not an Natural Resource Conservation Service (NRCS) project, but a County project.

Administrator Dean Cox also explained that this is the same project that Public Works director Ron Whitehead brought before the Commission two weeks ago, regarding the contract between Washington County and Progressive Contracting Inc. (PCI) for work done on Juniper Way in the Black Ridge area. He informed them that this was the formal action for that project.

MOTION: Motion by Commissioner Gardner to Adopt Resolution No. R-2014-1850, A Resolution to Adopt and Approve the Washington County - Juniper Way Project Agreement to Relieve Hazards and Damages Created by the Flood in Washington County, Utah. Motion seconded by Commissioner Iverson and carried by unanimous vote, with Commissioners Eardley, Gardner and Iverson voting aye.

COMMISSIONERS' REPORT

Ivins Resident Dennis Green showed a brief Powerpoint presentation regarding his recent "60 miles for age 60 walk." He began in Enterprise and ended on Highway 18 near Pine Valley. According to the Solid Waste department, Mr. Green picked up over 200 pounds of plastic and aluminum during his four day trek.

PUBLIC WORKS OR ROAD BUSINESS

Public Works Director Ron Whitehead reported on current road department projects:

The road department is currently working on two NRCS projects and is planning to complete these projects in two weeks. The Holt Canyon (EWP) drainage project is in progress near Enterprise. After the completion of these two projects there will be three remaining projects: cutting up debris in the Santa Clara River, clearing culverts, and the Shem-Dam re-build.

Mr. Whitehead stated that the Black Ridge Ranches project is scheduled to be finished within the week.

New Harmony Resident Wayne Romprey wanted to express his gratitude to the Road Department for doing an excellent job on all the local projects. He stated he was very impressed at how quickly and efficiently they worked to get things done.

COUNTY DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING BUSINESS:

Washington County planner Scott Messell stated the Planning Commission had three public hearings. There were two zone changes approved. The first was a request for a General Commercial Zone located at 43 North Main Street in Veyo. The Preliminary Plat for that change was tabled. The second zone change was for eight acres to be dedicated as a six lot subdivision located at approximately 800 East on the South side of Main Street in Pine Valley; no plat map had been submitted.

There will be consideration for a new Home Occupation Ordinance that will come before the Commission at the next meeting.

Request a Closed Session

None.

There being nothing further to come before the Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

CHEYENNE W. BENTLEY
DEPUTY CLERK

JAMES J. EARDLEY
CHAIRMAN